

How Can We Help You?

If you are planning to:

- Extract or use materials from any waterway in the state of Oregon,
- Place a pipeline, cable, or structure in or over any waterway in the state of Oregon,
- Explore for or extract minerals, oil and gas, or geothermal resources on state land, or
- Use Common School Fund lands for any purpose,

You should contact the Resource Management Section of the Division of State Lands.

It is important for both you and the Division to know if:

- Your activity involves state lands,
- Your activity is a legal, permitted, and appropriate use of state lands, and/or
- You need a lease or permit to conduct activities from the Division of State Lands.

We are always pleased to answer your questions and to provide you with whatever information and assistance you require to use state lands to your benefit as well as for the benefit of the people of Oregon.

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We want to tell you about the
Division of State Lands Resource
Management Section and our
role in managing Oregon's
publicly-owned lands. We hope
to give you some idea of the
services we provide and also
let you know when you need to
contact us prior to initiating a project.

Resource Management Section

When Oregon was admitted to the Union in 1859, the Federal Government gave the state the 16th and 36th square mile sections of every township, or other substitute lands. Later, the state also received all of the submerged and submersible lands underlying navigable waterways. These lands and their mineral, timber, and other resources were to be held in trust for the public and used to generate income for the Common School Fund—a policy and program which remain in effect today.

The State Land Board is responsible for managing the assets of the Common School Fund. The members of the State Land Board are the Governor, Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer. The Division of State Lands serves as the administrative arm of the State Land Board, and carries out the directives of the Board.

Although many of the original lands granted to Oregon were sold, the property under the jurisdiction of the Division of State Lands currently includes:

- More than 600,000 acres of grazing and agricultural lands.
- 132,000 acres of forest lands, including most of the Elliott State Forest.
- 800,000 acres of tidelands and offshore lands lying beneath the state's 3-mile "territorial sea."
- The submerged and submersible lands underlying the state's navigable waterways.

Who Are We?

What Can We Do For You?

- Several special properties, including the Tongue Point industrial site near Astoria.

Our management of these lands produces income for the Common School Fund, which now exceeds \$160 million in principle. The interest from this fund is distributed twice annually to the state's elementary and secondary public schools.

Other sections of the Division of State Lands administer:

- The state's removal-fill law, which regulates removal, filling, and alterations in waters and wetlands of the state, both public and private.
- The escheated and abandoned property programs, which also produce income to the Common School Fund.
- A number of special, education-oriented trust funds.

The Resource Management Section of the Division of State Lands is principally responsible for:

- Issuing leases for sand and gravel taken from state-owned submerged and submersible lands.
- Leasing state lands for mineral exploration and development. We issue prospecting permits, exploration contracts, and development leases for hard minerals, oil and gas, and geothermal resources on all state lands.
- Leasing submerged and submersible state lands for such uses as log storage, aquaculture, piers, marinas, and commercial or industrial facilities.
- Granting easements and rights-of-way on or over state-owned lands and waterways for construction of pipelines, telecommunication and power cables, and bridges.
- Issuing site leases for communications transmission facilities on Common School Fund land.
- Managing approximately 800,000 acres of tidelands and offshore lands.
- Managing upland industrial sites, such as Tongue Point and Dibblee Point, and other Common School Fund properties.
- Issuing treasure trove permits to explore for goods, money, or other "treasure" on state lands.